

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Michael Powell's moves since becoming Chairman of the FCC have been absolutely revolting. His bold disregard for public regulation alone should disqualify him for the job. The idea that a regulatory government is at all harmful or repressive or oppressive is completely fallacious. Where Orwell was wrong in thinking that Big Brother would be monitoring and watching our every move, and dictating our thinking, was only in who Big Brother would be -- not the Government, but a handful of corporate officers with indefensible power and blatant willingness to manipulate people.

Media diversity is crucial in this time of chaos, and yet the chaos of 'war' is being used as a shield for further abandonment of appropriate regulations which won't be noticed by the public.

Shameful.